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Letter dated 10 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the declaration by Mongolia regarding its nuclear-weapon-free status signed on 17 September 2012 (see annex) in parallel with the joint declaration of the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status (A/67/393-S/2012/721).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 94 (k), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Od **Och**
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Annex to the letter dated 10 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration by Mongolia regarding its nuclear-weapon-free status

Emphasizing that in its foreign policy Mongolia sets the goal of pursuing its national interests, developing friendly cooperation with all the countries of the world as well as actively contributing, to the extent possible, to the efforts of the international community to strengthen peace and security,

Emphasizing also that, with respect to its two neighbouring States, Mongolia is pursuing the policy of maintaining balanced and friendly relations and developing broad cooperation,

Welcoming the Joint Declaration of the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America on Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status, signed on 17 September 2012,

Noting in particular the intent of those States, expressed in their joint declaration of 17 September 2012, as long as Mongolia maintains its nuclear-weapon-free status, to respect that status and not to contribute to any act that would violate it,

Mongolia declares as follows:

1. Mongolia is pursuing a policy of refraining from joining any military alliance or grouping, or allowing the use of its territory against any other State as well as banning the stationing on its territory of foreign troops and weapons, including nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

2. Mongolia confirms that as a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons it has fully complied with, in particular, the commitments set out in article II of that Treaty, and that, pursuant to the Law of Mongolia on its Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status, which entered into force on 3 February 2000, Mongolia also has the domestic legal status of being free from all nuclear weapons.

3. Mongolia confirms that, pursuant to Mongolia's law on its nuclear-weapon-free status, committing, initiating or participating in the following acts or activities relating to nuclear weapons is prohibited on the territory of Mongolia:

(a) Developing, manufacturing, or otherwise acquiring, possessing or having control over nuclear weapons;

(b) Stationing or transporting nuclear weapons by any means;

(c) Testing or using nuclear weapons;

(d) Dumping or disposing of nuclear-weapons-grade radioactive material or nuclear waste;

(e) Transporting through the territory of Mongolia nuclear weapons, or parts or components thereof, as well as nuclear waste or any other nuclear material specially designed or produced for weapons purposes.

4. Mongolia welcomes the following texts, which constitute the elements on which Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status is based:

(a) The statement concerning security assurances for Mongolia as regards nuclear weapons issued on 5 October 2000 by the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America;

(b) The Joint Declaration of the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America on Mongolia's Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status issued on 17 September 2012.

(*Signed*) Od **Och**
Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations

New York, 17 September 2012